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WATCH COMMITTEE DRAFT WATCH REPORT
of the
UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

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(as of 1030 EDT)

The Committee concludes that there will be no
military attack on the United States or
its overseas forces in the near future.

Subjects of immediate concern are discussed
below.

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I. Middle East

~~4~~ Although the Arabs and the Israelis continue to
explore political options for a settlement of the Middle
East problem, military leaders of both sides are pessimistic
over the chances for a peaceful solution. If negotiations
bog down in the coming weeks, chances for shooting incidents
on the Golan Heights will increase sharply. Both the Arabs
and Israelis are prepared to resume major conflict with
little or no warning.

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~~4~~ We do not foresee a quick military solution to the
Iraqi-Kurdish conflict, and hostilities will probably
gradually subside into a stalemate with the onset of winter.

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II. USSR-Eastern Europe

~~A~~ We see no indications of hostile intent in the military activity of the USSR and other Warsaw Pact nations.

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III. Southeast Asia

~~C~~ In South Vietnam, we expect that the most significant military action will continue in Military Region 1, although the Communist capability to carry out major attacks there will become more limited as seasonal rains increase. With the exception of increasing terrorist attacks in the Saigon area, we expect a general lull in fighting elsewhere.

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